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re application of: Jae-Yong Jeong and Sung-Soo LEE

Serial No. 10/006,196 Examiner: Connie C. Yoha

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For: NON-VOLATILE SEMICONDUCTOR MEMORY DEVICE CAPABLE OF
PREVENTING PROGRAM DISTURB DUE TO NOISE VOLTAGE INDUCED AT A
STRING SELECT LINE AND PROGRAM METHOD THEREOF

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APPLICANT'S COMMENTS ON EXAMINER'S STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

In the Office Action dated June 4, 2003, and the Notice of Allowance dated 10/24/2003, the Examiner summarized features of the claims that are allowable over the prior art. To the extent that these comments regarding allowable subject matter, wherever they are found, agree with the language of the individual allowed claims, the applicants agree with the Examiner.

The applicants would also like to note that there are several independent claims allowed in this case, as well as various dependent claims that depend directly or indirectly from the allowed independent claims. It is a well known tenet of patent law that patent claims are read as a whole, rather than phrase by phrase or element by element. Therefore, the scope of the allowed claims is not necessarily limited to only the claim elements that the Examiner reproduced, but rather, to the language of the claims themselves, in their entirety

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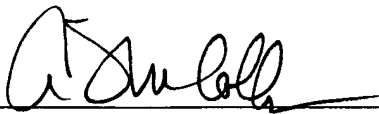
TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Enclosed for filing in the above-referenced application are the following:

- ☒ In connection with issuance of a patent:
 - ☒ Applicant's Comments to Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
 - ☒ PTO Form 85B
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